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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated March 14, 2003, having a term that will expire on June 14, 2003. A petition for a 1-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Official Action up to and including July 14, 2003 is attached hereto. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Patent Application as indicated on the following sheets: